

Women and Gender Studies Newsletter: Spring 2017



Program Name Change – Effective Fall 2017!

Next semester look for our new signage and information! Our program will be officially changing to *Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies*. We believe the name change will help to convey the range of concepts and courses that students at John Carroll have the opportunity to study within our program.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

On January 21, 2017, faculty members and students participated in the **Women's March in Cleveland** to stand together for the rights of all women.



Check out our Fall 2017 courses!

GEND 101 Introduction to Gender Studies
GEND-299 Women of Africa: Literature & Film

Affiliated courses:

HS-197 Women in the Contemporary World
(EHE link w/ SC-115)
SC-115 Masculinities (EHE link w/ HS-197)
EN-284 Writing Women: An Intro to Lit (L)
HS-262 History of Sexuality (ISJ)
IC-163 Italian Women & Society (L, S)
PL-385 Philosophy of the Body (PLVS)
PS-342 Psychology of Prejudice (ISJ)
SC-320 Sex and Gender (D)

Upcoming Program Events

KEEP CALM: LET'S TALK BREAK UPS:

**Wednesday, March 29th Time: 7pm Location:
LSC Conference Room**

You are invited to join the Women & Gender Studies program, the Violence Prevention and Action Center (VPAC), and the University Counseling Center for an interactive discussion on the role of technology during relationships and break ups, strategies and tips on how to breakup with someone in a healthy way, how to survive break ups, and what to do if your partner does not want to accept the break up.

A nacho bar will be provided.

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WOMEN & GENDER STUDIES

VPAC

WOMEN & GENDER IN ISLAM:

Wednesday, April 5th, TBA

Come learn more about ideas about women and gender in Islam from a student panel. Ever wanted to ask questions, but not sure of the right place to do so? Be part of the discussion! Contact Raneem Altabbaa (raltabbaa18@jcu.edu) or Dr. Barnes (mbarnes@jcu.edu) for more information.



Featured Alumni:

Sydney Muggia – Graduating Class of 2016

Major: Sociology

Minor: Women's and Gender Studies

Checking in!

“I am currently a second grade teacher in Jacksonville, Florida, with *Teach For America*. I became a Women's and Gender Studies minor because I was very interested in gender roles in society and how they were socially constructed, and I wanted to learn more. My WGS minor has played a large role in my social consciousness, which has helped me a lot in my job as a teacher in a low income area. I would love to see the program grow more!”

Take Back the Night

Every April for the past 11 years, *Take Back the Night* has taken place at John Carroll with events highlighting sexual violence and assault. This year, join Take Back the Night, the Violence Prevention and Action Center (VPAC), and the Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion (CSDI) for several on campus events, including a March & Speak Out.

Events:

- **Tuesday 4/18: Tea Time Discussion on new consent policy (co-sponsored by WGS)**
- **Wednesday 4/19: Locker Room Talk**
- **Thursday 4/20: March and Speak Out**
- **Friday 4/21: Dance Marathon**

Get involved: Come join in on Thursday, April 10, at 5 p.m. in the LSC Atrium. Students will receive free pizza and a TBTN T-shirt. Students will create posters speaking out against sexual violence. After the march around campus on April 20th, students will have the option to speak out about how they have been affected by sexual violence.

For more information: Contact Roserita DiMillo (rdimillo18@jcu.edu) or Dr. Medora Barnes (mbarnes@jcu.edu)

Featured Student Profile

In addition to excelling in her studies, during her years at JCU, Marissa (class of 2017) dedicated her time to participating in campus groups such as Students for Social Justice, Take Back the Night, Allies (serving as president her sophomore year) and the Carroll Ballers program. She has participated in multiple international immersion trips and studied abroad. She has previously volunteered as an intern for the LGBT Center and is currently an intern for the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center working to help organize *Girls In Motion / Las Chicas Pueden (Girls Can)*. In addition to being the Program Director for Camp Seven Hills Girl Scout Camp, she also has committed to a year of service following graduation.

Best wishes to Marissa in her post-graduation plans!

Marissa Panzarella

Major: Women's Gender Studies

Minor: Psychology



New name coming fall 2017 --
**Gender, Sexuality and Women's
Studies Program [GEND]**

New Program Learning Goals:

Students who complete a major or minor will be able to:

1. Articulate a critical understanding of the impact of gender and sexuality within their own lives.
2. Describe how constructions of gender/sexuality have socially, historically, and globally shaped the experiences of both women and men.
3. Describe the importance within people's lives of the intersections of gender and sexuality with other social hierarchies such as race, ethnicity, class, religion, and disability.
4. Analyze gender and sexuality using interdisciplinary and feminist theories, methodologies, and paradigms.
5. Identify ethical and social justice dimensions and implications within the study of gender/sexuality.
6. Demonstrate the development of knowledge and skills to deal positively with gender and sexuality-based inequality within their communities.

Contact Dr. Medora Barnes at mbarnes@jcu.edu for more information about how a major or minor in GEND would fit with your plan of study.

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